

MARGARET WIGGINS.

MAY 7, 1884.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. MORBILL, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

R E P O R T :

[To accompany bill H. R. 2089.]

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2089) granting a pension to Margaret Wiggins, submit the following report:*

The committee find that Henry Wiggins enlisted in Company D, Ninth Kansas Cavalry, January 16, 1862, and died in service January 2, 1863. Application for pension by the mother was rejected on the ground that at the time of the death of the soldier she was not dependent upon him for support. The evidence upon this point is very contradictory, but we think that it clearly shows that she had but little property, and was dependent upon her own exertions for her livelihood; but, waiving the consideration of this question, your committee feel that the fact that she is now seventy-seven years old, mentally and physically almost helpless from paralysis, and that she gave her boy to her country, entitles her to a comfortable support at the hands of that Government for the rest of her days. Your committee, therefore, recommend the passage of the bill.

